

CLANDESTINE SERVICE SUPPORT OFFICERS' MEETING

DDS Conference Room

23 December 1970

1. Present were:

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As a first order of business, Mr. Bannerman joined the group and expressed his appreciation for their support over the years.

2. No DDP Staff Meeting.
3. Items of interest at the DDS Staff Meeting:

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a. Christmas Gifts and Food Program [REDACTED] reports that as of Friday, 18 December, Agency employees had contributed 325 gifts and 360 lbs. of canned and dried food. Additionally, he has received \$18 cash. Contributions on Monday and Tuesday were also heavy. We'll give you a final report.

b. Amendments to CIARDS On 21 December the House passed our requested amendments to CIARDS and Presidential signature is assured. We will now have the following:

(1) Increase in the limit of retirees during the 5-year period ending 1974 from 400 to 800.

(2) Ability to count as creditable service any period during which retirement deductions were not taken with annuity reduced by 10% per year.

(3) Transfer to CIARDS fund some \$33 million in government contribution now held by the Civil Service Retirement Fund covering service by people who have transferred from Civil Service System to CIARDS.

(4) Raising from 21 to 22 years of age the entitlements to a child survivor annuity.

4. Other items of interest:

25X1A a. Practice of Office Security On 17 December 1970, Mr. Karamessines himself observed a number of offices where classified material was lying on desks and tables without anyone being present in the room to prevent unauthorized access. He immediately directed SSU/DDP to survey all offices in CS space and to observe the number of instances where unauthorized access to classified material would be possible. [REDACTED] survey has been distributed to you and you will note that Bob found 24 instances where he could have apparently removed classified material without detection. Bob has produced a draft of a CS notice on the subject of Security in Office Routine and we have made copies for each of you. Please review this draft and telephone me with any comments or suggestions you have by noon tomorrow. We will then present a draft to Mr. Karamessines for his approval.

b. Subpoenaing of CIA Employees You may have seen in the Post this morning that the attorney for one of the defendants in the Mylai case has gotten agreement to subpoena three CIA employees. General Counsel says that only one of the three ever had any connection with the Agency and that as a contract employee engaged in the pacification program. One of the three is a regular State Department officer and the other is a military officer who was stationed in Vietnam but not detailed to the Agency. The contract employee, who is no longer with us, didn't know anything about Mylai until he read it in the newspaper. His appearance would be of no real value to the defense.

c. National Interdepartmental Seminar At our meeting on 16 December, it was reported that nominations are to be sent to OTR by 1 January for each of the first three sessions of the 1971 NIS. Col. White's directive on this subject went on to say that nominations should also be sent to OTR by 1 June for the three remaining sessions of 1971 which begin on 12 July, 13 September and 1 November.

d. Holiday Coverage Thursday, 24 December is a true holiday so it is not necessary to maintain a skeleton force. DDP people may leave at 12:30. Persons required to work past 4 hours on this day, if otherwise eligible, are entitled to holiday pay. People already on leave or with previously planned leave will be charged only 4 hours for 24 December.

For Saturday, 26 December and 2 January, [REDACTED] wants only the Division Chief or his Deputy on duty from 9 to 1 and only enough other people necessary to meet emergency situations.

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e. Credit Union - 24 December The Credit Union will close at 12 noon tomorrow.

f. Profits from Sale of POV's Abroad The U.S. Court of Claims (No. 151-66, 11 December 1970) has rendered a 54 page opinion in the case of Arpod J. Artwohl and 14 others. This case is the one where several members of the U.S. Armed Forces were assigned to Brazil with JBUSMC and sold their POV's, which had been imported duty-free, on the open market. They were required to turn in their profits from the sale, being permitted to retain only their original costs plus expenses. The procedures followed were in accordance with FAM Circular No. 281, 4 February 1965. The Court held that the Department did not have to return the profits (ranging from \$1,800 to \$6,500) to the plaintiffs, concluding that the FAMC 281 was in pursuance of legitimate foreign policy goals (controlling profiteering) and appeared reasonable under the circumstances. The Court observed that rather than enforce his right to require exportation of a POV at end of tour, the Ambassador offered to allow plaintiffs to sell their cars in Brazil at a reduced profit. Plaintiffs accepted this offer and now are bound by it.

g. Security Violations - November 1970 The CS had a total of 20; NE - 5; EUR and FE - 3; CI and WH - 2; AF, CA, RI, SB and TSD - 1 each. (FYI, during November the total Support Directorate had only 2).

h. Court Leave On 22 December 1970 the President signed into law HR 12979 which will permit employees to be granted court leave when appearing as a witness in a judicial proceeding on behalf of a State or local government. The new law will also permit authorization of travel expenses for an employee summoned to testify or to produce official records on behalf of the U.S., or when he is summoned to testify in his official capacity or to produce official records on behalf of a party other than the U.S.

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